

# OSA VIBRATIONS

Newsletter For Members of the Owasippe Staff Association

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## President's Perspective

Another camping season has come and gone, the 83rd? Time flies when you're having fun! OSA members were out in force as camp staff and volunteers. 17 members worked on staff and 7 volunteers put in various amounts of time.

A point of information for members who have not been to OSR in the 90's: the reservation is operating three camps, Blackhawk with the dining hall, Wolverine with hot packs, and Reneker for families. Camps Crown and Carlen are used by other groups such as Michigan Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ukrainian Scouts, etc. The pools are maintained by the reservation while the staff is supplied by the individual groups.

Boy counts were up this year so sites and program areas were maxed out. This along with the fact that most of the buildings are circa 1965 presents enormous maintenance problems. It will take a total commitment by the Chicago Area Council and the Owasippe Staff Association if Owasippe is to survive the 90's.

Yours in the purpose,

Bob Ward

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## Nominations

Got a beef with the board? Want to get into Management? Then run for the Board of Directors! Nominations for Board of Director members are now being accepted for the 1995 election. Three seats are open on the 1995 Board of Directors. The outgoing members of the Board are Mike Campbell, Bill Ness and Pat Romcoe. You can nominate yourself or someone that you think would be a quality addition to the Board of Directors. Staff and Associate members are eligible to be on the Board of Directors.

Send your nominations to:  
Owasippe Staff Association  
c/o Nominations Committee  
P. O. Box 7097  
Westchester, IL 60154

## Entertainment '95

Entertainment '95 books are in, and the price is still only \$35. With Entertainment '95 you can enjoy over 1000 two-for-one or up to 50% savings on dining, sports, movies, shopping, special attractions, amusements, hotels, travel and more. It also makes a great Christmas Gift.

To order call: Mike Campbell at (312) 283-7723.

## Calendar of Upcoming OSA Events

November 14, 15, 16  
Jewel Shop-N-Share

December 12, 13, 14  
Dominick's Benefit Days

April 1, 1995  
Annual Dinner Dance

## The Galloping Grapevine

Did you notice the new OSR maps at camp this year? Time and effort was put forth by OSA member Jim Marshall.

A memorial service for Al Baldasty was hosted by St. Rita's Troop 600 Scoutmaster Joe Sufferin at site #2 at Blackhawk, one of Al's favorite places. It was a fitting tribute to a fine scouter. We are sure that Al was pleased

Bob Wilcox, another scouter from Troop 66, made a return trip to the Normandy beaches to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the D-day invasion. Bob landed on Omaha beach on D-day + 1 with the 79th Infantry Division. On July 8th his company liberated a French town called La Haye Du Puits. On the following day Bob received wounds that caused him to be hospitalized for over one year. The French government gave medals to the returning Vet's. Bob's wife Marie was also given a medal in honor of her brother who died on Omaha beach. Marie was also afforded the honor of placing a wreath at the dedication of a war memorial. The family spent the next three days with a family in the town that Bob's unit had liberated. It must have been a memorable experience to say the least!

Nice to see former staff people returning to OSR with their troops. Some of the returning staff were Ron Kulak, Bill Lotter, George Johnson, Pat Monahan and Greg Zajac.

On October 8, Mark Behnke finally tied the knot with Jennifer Broz of La Grange Park. The newlyweds honeymooned at Disney World and now reside in Downers Grove. Mark is employed at the contractors desk at the Elmhurst Builders Square. He worked at Camp Stuart in 1971 and Camp Wolverine in 1970, 73, 74, 75 and 76.

Frank Chlebek is the new Program Director for Calumet Council.

Larry O'Connor, 1968 & 69 staff, has resurfaced. It seems that Larry works for the Chicago Public Library, got lost in a Labyrinth, but found his way out in time to work as a Volunteer Commissioner.

## Grapevine News Needed

If you know news about one of our OSA or OSR friends write to us about it. Please include weddings, births, deaths, change of career, promotions, demotions or anything else that you can think of. Send to the:

OSA  
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Westchester, IL. 60154

## Dues Need Paying

Check the number under your name on the mailing label. If it is 1994 or less, you need to update your dues. If your dues have been neglected for several years this could be your last newsletter! Please send the \$10 yearly renewal to:

OSA  
Attn: Membership Committee  
P.O. Box 7097  
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## Tree Talk from Owasisippe

Carl Young return the desk! Questions that have to be asked. Are there small mouth bass in Wolverine? Does Wolfman have a den? Will Dan Walton become Reservation Director? Is "Wolverine Ed" through? Is Jim Rich's neck really red? Is Ron Neibert the best Fisherman, or is Jim Connelly? Does Pete Klaeser ever eat in the dining hall? Will Tom Patterson look good in olive drab? Will "Warlock" return to Blackhawk next year? Will somebody return Bill Tenner's CDs? Why didn't Bob Ward get to hear Charley Cleveland sing "Danny Boy"? Does Marilyn Kulak know how to swim?

Special recognition; goes to Bill "Cannonball" Tenner, who spent his 2 week vacation running the Blackhawk Dining Hall.

goes to Leroy Fell for his work on the firebowl at Reneker. It is very impressive when he puts up the Thunderbird.

goes to MaryAnn Fell and the girls at Reneker for taking care of the little children and seniors.

goes to Nancy Romcoe and her warehouse staff.

goes to all the Rangers and Mike Drazba because when Bob Ward asked, he received, making his job much easier.

Thanks to all for a job well done!

## Addresses Needed

Dave Parrish

## Fall Fix-It

As you know, September 23, 24, 25 was our Fall Fix-It weekend. The weather was cooperative and, overall, the weekend was a productive one. We would like to thank all in attendance for their time, effort and dedication. We would also like to thank the staff at Owasippe for their cooperation and their efforts in preparation for the weekend. We surely would not have been able to accomplish much were it not for them.

There were 83 volunteers in attendance, with 49 working on project crews, or in support roles, such as food preparation, coordinating activities, etc. What follows is a brief summary of what was accomplished, as well as some of the things we were unable to complete, and why.

25 picnic tables were repaired and stacked for winter by the crew of Steve Holke, Mike Campbell, Ed Kinnerk, Phil Pappas, and Bill Tenner.

The crew of Mike Drazba, Chuck Armstrong, Bob Clark, Ron Kempa, John Sanchez and Dave "Welder" did automotive and mechanical repairs. They assembled the engine for van #16, repaired all of the canoe trailers, repaired the electrical systems on both Jeeps, rebuilt 3 carburetors, replaced the clutch linkage on the garbage truck, repaired transmission linkage on stake truck #18, tuned-up van #15, removed the old, fabricated and installed new a bed on truck #6.

The Food Prep roof was patched by Mike Payne.

All 122 canoes in storage behind maintenance were inspected, sorted and inventoried as to condition and repairs needed. Only 6 were not in need of repair. The crew of Scott Weber, Tom Buckley, Terry Dwyer and Mario Jauregui repaired 26 canoes. 90 canoes are still in need of repair.

The crew of Joe Alonso and Don Bryla chiseled out 20 pieces of broken tile at Food Prep. 10 tiles were reset before the crew ran out of adhesive leaving the job to be completed by Owasippe personnel.

Betty Armstrong and three little Armstrongs swept, washed, scrubbed, mopped and cleaned Health Lodge in preparation for winter shutdown.

Art Paull and Mike Payne prepared and bent sheet metal shapes to be installed in the future as flashings for 14 Reneker Cabins.

The kybo at Wolverine site 23 was finished by completing by Mike Finnegan, Frank Chlebek, Nancy Chlebek, Mike Payne, Kevin Posen, Tim Toeber and Ron Ward. This included framing and finishing the interior walls, shingling the roof, installing the roof vent and giving the interior and exterior walls two coats of stain.

The Blackhawk dining hall roof was patched by Mike Payne and Art Paull.

Leroy Fell and John Sanchez repaired the folding dining hall tables at Maintenance and Blackhawk.

Ken Graczyk and Tony Krier framed and built a cover structure incorporating an access door over the entrance stairwell leading down to the old

underground pump room at the Reneker pool.

Gene Bosch, Mike Payne and Tim Toeber dug out the shutoff valve at Cabin B4 and exposed it for repair. Several problems arose so plans for the excavation of a second valve were abandoned.

Bob Ward cleaned and repainted the OSR sign at the corner of Russell and Holton-Whitehall roads.

A roof cleaning crew consisted of Steve Bolte, Jennifer Kempa, Karen Kutka, Joe Lasarella, Gene McKewon and Sue Spyrnal. They managed to sweep the roofs free of branches, leaves, moss and other debris at Reneker, Staff Village and Wolverine's kybos and hot pack stands.

Mike Ward worked with Gary Glowienke on the electric for cabin LC2. The goal was to replace a 60 amp fuse box with a 100 amp breaker panel. A number of problems were encountered that leave several safety concerns. Against our better judgment, and lacking any realistic alternatives, the new breaker panel was installed in a temporary fashion with the understanding that the situation needs immediate correction.

Mike Sanchez and Bob Corrao built the campfire for the evenings festivities, unfortunately the weather was not very cooperating.

The kitchen crew of Chris Drazba, Betty Armstrong, Donna Bosch, Sue Brown, Nancy Chlebek, Maryann Fell and Liane Sanchez kept everyone well fed.



# Snapshots

from the summer



OF ALL HE SURVEYS - Wolverine commissioner Jihad Mamluki does a pre-camp inspection of a recently forested section of the Red Trail, directly across Russell Road from the Center.



SIGN OF THE TIMES - Remember those rows of evenly spaced red pine trees where Si Road meets Whitehall-Holton Road? Be prepared; you may be able to stop and throw stones next time you drive by.



THE EAGLE HAS LANDED - Owasippe was home to a pair of nesting adult bald eagles this past summer. They produced two eaglets, who occupied the nest for the duration of the summer. A good sign!!



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CAMP BLACKHAWK: NEW NATURE CENTER

## In Search of the Right Stuff

Applications are now being accepted for the 1995 Owasippe Scout Reservation summer camp staff including supervisory, commissioner, and program instructor positions as well as entry positions of Counselors-In-Training (CIT). Forms are available by calling Owasippe at 1-800-283-0830.

CITs will get their initial training at a weekend orientation on April 28 and 29, 1995 at the Hoover Outdoor Education center in Yorkville, IL. followed by seven weeks of intensified hands-on instruction beginning on June 24 at Owasippe. During the summer, CITs are rotated into different

TRAINING assignments at each of the section camps while under the supervision of senior staff. The CIT receives personalized training in the various program areas of Owasippe while improving personal skills and learning the grand traditions of the camp. The CIT mission focuses on enthusiasm, teamwork, self-reliance, initiative, and counseling techniques.

CITs earn a weekly living allowance and are provided meals, transportation, housing, utilities, and direct access to program facilities and counselors for continued personal advancement. It is an invaluable learning experience spanning seven weeks in a beautiful outdoor setting at "America's Premier Scout Camp" located near Whitehall, Mi.

### CIT PREREQUISITES:

Minimum Age 15 by  
September 94; Actively

Registered Scout/Explorer;  
At Least Star Rank; Minimum  
2 Years Summer Camper; 3  
Adult Recommendations  
Including Scoutmaster;  
Aptitude/Maturity for Scout  
Instruction.

Regular staff and CIT interviews are scheduled for December 3rd and 10th, both Saturdays, at a location to be announced. All applicants will be duly notified in advance. Applications need to be submitted As Soon As Possible as positions are popular but limited. Questions and application requests can also be directed to the 1995 Staff Development Director, Ron Kulak, by calling (708) 429-5596 after 7:30 PM.

## Everybody's Gotta Eat

I eat, therefore I shop! The thoughtful OSA member will do their shopping with Shop & Share coupons in hand. You know the deal: Drop a lot of change at the grocery store and they kick back a little to your favorite charity, namely us! Take 'em to work, Take 'em to your family and friends, Most importantly, Take 'em to the store!!!! Look at these mid week dates. The stores will be empty so you can load up for Thanksgiving a week early. Don't forget to stock up for Christmas parties, that is what a freezer is for.

### Jewel Shop-N-Share Dates

November 14, 15 and 16.

### Dominick's Benefit Days

December 12, 13 and 14.

Chris Finnegan is the chairperson for these fundraising events. Call her at (708) 257-0611 if you need some information. Your

participation in these events is appreciated.

## New Members

The OSA would like to welcome the following new members:

Leroy Fell has been a volunteer at Camp Reneker since 1992. He is married MaryAnn, the Director of Camp Reneker.

Jennifer Kempa has been a member of the Reneker staff for the past 6 summers beginning in 1989.

Mary Kempa worked at the Ad Center Trading Post and Warehouse in 1993 and 94.

Jim Rich worked at as the Assistant Camp Director at Wolverine in 1993 and 94.

## New Members Needed

Know of any potential OSA members? Send their names, addresses, and phone numbers to

Frank Chlebek  
11358 S. Fairfield  
Chicago IL, 60655

or call at home  
(312) 238-0240  
work (708) 474-6212.

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NOVEMBER 14, 15, 16, 1994

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# OSA Productions Items

Christmas is right around the corner and we have the perfect gifts for all OSA members and friends. Most items are monogrammed and can be personalized with individual names. Various colors are available and most products range in size from 2 to 12". Most of the items are listed below are available. Other items might be available also.

- 12" x 12" Car Coasters
- 8" x 8" Key Holders
- OSA 12" Mug
- 12" Hat
- 7" Scarf
- Golf Shirt
- Baggy Shirt
- Low Neck Sweater
- Hooded Sweatshirt
- Sweatpants
- Coat
- Golf Towel
- Fanny Pack
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